

BARMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year
ended 31st. December/65.

To the Chairman and Members,
Barmouth Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1965, upon the sanitary circumstances of the district.

On the Public Health side, it proved to be a routine year, with nothing of a serious nature occurring, but nevertheless, I would like to thank the Council and fellow Officers for their interest and support throughout the year.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

C. PUGH

Public Health Inspector.



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Dr. H. Francis, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector.

C. Pugh, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

1. WATER SUPPLY.

No additional attention was given to the water supply during the year, and although pressures fluctuated during the season, we were able to maintain a satisfactory supply throughout the year. As usual all repairs to mains were done during the hours of 11.30 p.m. to 5.30 a.m. and therefore little to no inconvenience was caused to members of the public. The Merioneth Water Board are scheduled to take over our supply as from the 1st April, 1966. Periodic samples submitted for bacteriological examination showed the supply to be highly satisfactory.

2. DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

Routine maintenance was carried out on sewers in the town, and sewers in certain areas were scraped. Complaints were again received from visitors of sewerage contamination on the beach, and whilst efforts were made to clear this, the only remedy is the extension of the outfall pipe, and we must look forward to this being done as soon as possible.

3. RIVERS AND STREAMS.

There were no cases of pollution of rivers or streams.

4. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

There were no known cases of change over from the dry conservancy system to the water carriage system.

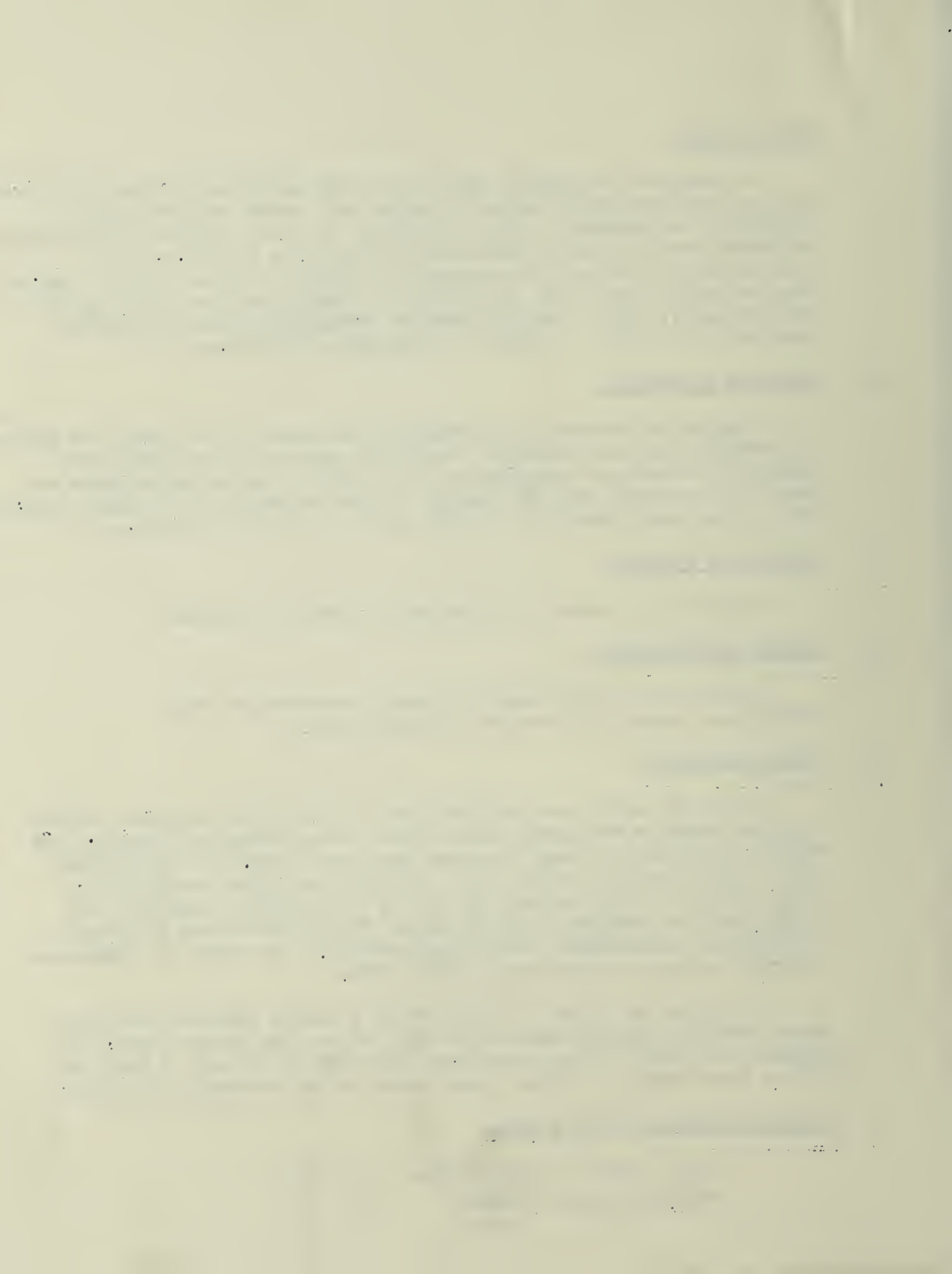
5. PUBLIC CLEANSING.

On the 1st April, we purchased the S. & D. Compression Type refuse vehicle, and this has given a far cleaner and efficient collection. The volume of refuse collected increased again this year, and the tipping area at the Council's refuse tip at Bontddu has filled considerably. Every effort was made to keep the tip in a reasonable condition, but complaints were received just the same. The tip continues to incur considerable expenditure on covering material. The usual fly nuisances occurred and were satisfactorily dealt with.

The volume of litter has again shown a marked increase during the summer months, and this seems to set the pattern for future years, as trippers now tend to bring everything with them in the way of food etc., and sit down to two and three course meals on the promenade and beach.

6. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Total number of Inspections	=	412
Notices served - Formal	=	3
Informal	=	16



Inspections:-

Bakehouses	6
Dairies	13
Milk Shops	10
Ice Cream Premises.	68
Fried Fish Premises	34
Factories.	18
Restaurants and Cafes	126
Food Premises	189
Blocked Drains	32

Notices Served re Defective Drains:-

Formal	Nil	1
Informal	4	6

Camping Sites:-

Of the three licensed Camping Sites within the district no complaints were received arising from the control or behaviour of any of these camps.

Swimming Baths :-

There are, unfortunately, no swimming baths or pools for the public within the urban district.

Vermin:-

There were no cases of infestation reported during the period under review.

Rodent Control:-

The Rodent Officer, who is shared by both Dolgellau Councils carried out his duties efficiently and effectively and there were no serious cases of rodent infestation brought to my notice.

Food Hygiene Regulations:-

Advice was given to various shopkeepers in the town, and in general this trade was carried out in a most satisfactory manner. There was a marked decrease in smoking in food shops, and it is satisfactory to report that this is now an accepted practise amongst food handlers in the district. However, it would appear that the young shop assistant is far less hygiene conscious than the older ones. Let us hope they will grow into it.

Large quantities of tinned and other foodstuffs voluntarily surrendered were condemned.

7. OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT.

Premises continued to register, and a start was made on inspections late in the year.

8. HOUSING.

No new houses were started or completed during the year.

9. SLAUGHTER HOUSE AND UNSOUND FOOD.

The slaughter house in Park Road has now closed, therefore, no meat inspections took place during the year, but there was a large amount of unsound food surrendered and subsequently condemned.

10. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing Defects under the Public Health & Housing Acts.....41
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....68
2. (a) Number of dwelling houses under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925.....NIL.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.....NIL.
3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation....4.
4. Number of dwellinghouses, exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....21
5. Remedy for defects during the year without service of Formal Notice.....21
- Rendered fit - informal action by local authority.....NIL.

11. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

1. Proceedings under Section 9, 15 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....NIL.
- (b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices.....
- (i) by the owners.....NIL
- (ii) by the Local Authority in default of owners...NIL

2. Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

- (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.....3



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(b) Number of dwelling houses in which defaults were remedied after formal notice was served.

- (i) by the owners.....2
- (ii) by the Local Authority in default of owners.....1

3. Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.....NIL.
- (b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....NIL.

4. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- (a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....NIL.
- (b) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit.....NIL.

5. Housing Act, 1936 - Part V - Overcrowding.

- (a) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.NIL.
- (b) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year...NIL.
- (ii) Number of persons concerned in above.....NIL.
- (c) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding.....NIL.

APPENDIX.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937
part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes as to the health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises. (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspe- ctions (3)	Number of Written notices. (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.... ..	1	6	Nil	Nil.
(ii) Factories not included in (i) which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.. ..	1	12	Nil.	Nil.
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
TOTAL.	2	18	Nil.	Nil

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

	Sanitary Conveniences unsuitable or defective.	All other defects.
Defects found	Nil.	Nil.
Defects remedied	Nil.	Nil.
Referred to H.M. Inspector.	Nil.	Nil.
Referred by H.M. Inspector	Nil.	Nil.
Prosecutions instituted.	Nil.	Nil.

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork - (Sections 110 and 111)

There were no outworkers in the district.

